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WITNESS CALLED BY DEFENDANTS:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Direct</u>	<u>Cross</u>	<u>Redirect</u>
RICHARD McGARRAH HELMS	6	68	83

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1 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
2 SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

3 HUNT, JR., v. WEBERMAN, et al; Civil Action No. 76-1252-CIV-
4 SMA:

5 Deposition of RICHARD McGARRAH HELMS, examined
6 by the Party Weberman, et al, pursuant to Notice, at the
7 office of Marvin D. Miller, Esquire, 117 North Fairfax Street
8 Alexandria, Virginia 22314, commencing at 3:03 p.m. on May
9 17, 1979.

10 Present: Ellis S. Rubin, Esquire, on behalf
11 of the Party Hunt, Jr.; Marvin D. Miller, Esquire, on behalf
12 of the Party Weberman, et al; Also present: Alan J. Weber-
13 man; Ernest Mayerfeld, Esquire; Launie Ziebell, Esquire; and
14 Robert Ranftel.

15 TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

16 R I C H A R D M c G A R R A H H E L M S, called as a
17 witness by the Defendants, having been first
18 duly sworn, was examined and testified as
19 follows:

20 MR. MILLER: Mr. Helms, have you been informed
21 of the nature of this case today, why it's proceeding and the
22 like?

23 THE WITNESS: Generally.

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1 MR. MILLER: All right. Just for the record,
2 so that it's clear, the proceeding today is a deposition in
3 the case of E. Howard Hunt versus Alan J. Webberman, Mr. Can-
4 field, and a printing company and its owner regarding the
5 publication of a book, title of which is *Coup d'tat In*
6 *America*. The issue in contention within that book, which is
7 our litigation today, is the question of indications in the
8 book, photographs and statements implicating Mr. Hunt, who
9 is the Plaintiff, in the assassination of President Kennedy
10 in November of 1963; that he was present in Dealy Plaza and
11 so on; specifically that certain photographs that were taken
12 of individuals who were arrested at the time, the, what have
13 been termed I think in the media parlance the "tramps," that
14 one of those is Mr. Hunt, and that the other was Mr. Sturgis.

15 THE WITNESS: Who is Mr. Sturgis?

16 MR. MILLER: He is an individual from --

17 MR. WEBERMAN: Frank Ferrin.*

18 MR. MILLER: -- in, Frank Ferrin. He was ac-
19 tive in the Bay of Pigs activity some time prior to that.
20 Now, with that background, and for the record let's just say
21 who's present. I'm Marvin Miller. I represent the Plaintiff,
22 Mr. Webberman, who's also here.

23 MR. RUBIN: Ellis Rubin for the Plaintiff, Mr.

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1 Hunt.

2 MR. SEIBERT: John Seibert with the Department
3 of Justice for the Witness, Ambassador Helms, and also Mr. Turner
4 in his official capacity with the Central Intelligence
5 Agency.

6 MR. MAYERFELD: Ernest Mayerfeld, Associate
7 General Counsel, C.I.A.

8 MR. RANFTEL: Robert Ranftel, researcher for
9 Mr. Weberman.

10 MR. ZEIBELL: Launie Zeibell, General Counsel's
11 Office, C.I.A.

12 MR. MILLER: All right. Mr. Helms, if at any
13 time you don't understand a question that I ask or are unclear
14 as to exactly what I seek, if you would let me know so that we
15 can make sure that your answers are accurate to the questions
16 that I propound.

17 DIRECT EXAMINATION

18 BY MR. MILLER:

19 Q For the record, would you indicate your name
20 and your current occupation?

21 A My name is Richard McGarrah Helms and the middle
22 name is spelled M, small c, capital G-a-r-r-a-h. My current
23 occupation is that of a consultant with an office at
1627 K Street, Northwest, Washington.

1 Q All right. Did there come a time when you
2 were a director of the Central Intelligence Agency prior to
3 being an ambassador?

4 A I was, became Director of the Central Intel-
5 ligence Agency in 1966.

6 Q All right, and prior to being Director, had
7 you been an employee of that agency?

8 A Yes, I was an employee from 1947 on.

9 Q All right, and during the course of your em-
10 ployment did there come a time when you worked in Plans under
11 Richard Bissell?

12 A I did work in the Plans Directorate under
13 Richard Bissell.

14 Q All right, and do you have any information
15 or knowledge as to when or whether Mr. Lee Harvey Oswald be-
16 came associated with the Plans Directorate of the C.I.A.?

17 A I didn't know that Lee Harvey Oswald ever
18 had any association with the Plans Directorate of the C.I.A.

19 Q All right, even during the course of his
20 employment with the United States Marines?

21 A At any time.

22 Q All right. Do you have any information re-
23 garding a cousin of Mr. Oswald, Marilyn Mullet?

1 MR. WEBERMAN: Mullet. Mullet.

2 THE WITNESS: Marylin who?

3 BY MR. MILLER (Resuming):

4 Q Marilyn Mullet and the C.I.A.? She was a cousin
5 of Mr. Oswald's.

6 A Name doesn't register with me.

7 Q Did' you ever have anybody have a trace on
8 her by the Office of C.I.A.?

9 A No, not that I recall, but it may have gone
10 out of my head. I may have known about it at one time.

11 Q Okay. Okay. Now, do you have an acquaintance
12 with the names of either Gerry Hemming, James B. Wilcott or
13 James, John E. Donovan?

14 A I'm sorry, would you go more slowly? What's
15 the first one?

16 Q Yes, sir. Gerry Hemming, H-e-m-m-i-n-g.

17 A I don't recognize that name.

18 Q James B. Wilcott, W-i-l-c-o-t-t?

19 A I don't recognize that name.

20 Q John E. Donovan, D-o-n-o-v-a-n?

21 A John Donovan is not an unusual name, but it
22 doesn't, I don't recall anybody specifically by that name.

23 Q Okay. You were aware that Mr., that the C.I.A.

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1 did have an awareness of Mr. Oswald at some point prior to
2 1963; is that not correct?

3 MR. SEIBERT: You're asking the Witness whether
4 he had any knowledge, or whether he knows that someone in
5 the C.I.A. had knowledge?

6 MR. MILLER: Well, not necessarily whether
7 it's a matter in which he was directly involved, but which
8 you have knowledge.

9 THE WITNESS: I don't recall the dates, spe-
10 cifically, any more. To, my recollection of these events
11 is that Oswald came to the attention of the Agency at a
12 time that he went into the American Embassy in Moscow and
13 said he was giving up his citizenship, or something. I be-
14 lieve this was then known all over the United States Govern-
15 ment.

16 Q All right, and now, when he went to the Soviet
17 Union it occurred that he obtained a visa within a period of
18 two days. To your knowledge did the Agency have any knowledge
19 of this event, of this event prior to --

20 A I'm sorry, sir. I'm sorry, sir. What kind
21 of a visa did he get?

22 Q A visa to enter the Soviet Union.

23 A You mean a Russian visa?

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1 Q Yes, he was given a visa to enter. He didn't
2 need a visa from this country. From the Soviet Union to en-
3 ter.

4 A Yes, from when?

5 Q Within a period of two days from the place.

6 A I know nothing about the circumstances sur-
7 rounding that.

8 Q All right.

9 MR. SEIBERT: I would again like to receive
10 the same clarification which I tried unsuccessfully to get
11 this morning, which is what the relationship is between Mr.
12 Oswald's connection with the C.I.A. and Mr. Hunt's presence
13 in, in, alleged presence in Dallas.

14 MR. MILLER: Mr. Hunt's alleged presence in
15 Dallas is related to activities of the Agency.

16 MR. SEIBERT: Does that mean that under your
17 theory any activity of the C.I.A. is relevant to the litiga-
18 tion?

19 MR. MILLER: Therefore, -- no, and I haven't
20 taken such a far-changing course of questions, either. What
21 I'm trying to do, and what I've been doing, is making an
22 effort to discover information concerning the principals that
23 were involved in the situation in Dallas November, 1963, and

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1 to ascertain and determine the existence of connections
2 that would exist between the, the parties, the parties con-
3 tained in the allegations in the book and the parties that
4 are conceded by all concerned to have been present and par-
5 ticipating to some degree.

6 MR. SEIBERT: Who are the parties? I mean,
7 I hope you're not going to retrace the Warren Commission's
8 efforts.

9 MR. MILLER: Well, that's not a matter of
10 your concern. Actually, it's a matter of --

11 MR. SEIBERT: Well, I think it is from what
12 you've told me this morning, unless you, I've misunderstood.
13 It's my understanding that we're talking about only, about
14 an alleged libel based on the theory that one man, Howard
15 Hunt, was involved in Dallas in a given date.

16 (Whereupon, Mr. Weberman conferred with Mr.
17 Miller out of the hearing of others and off the record, after
18 which the following occurred:)

19 MR. MILLER: The point is whether or not, the,
20 the point is whether or not he was and if he were, and other
21 aspects have come out in Discovery and the pleadings in the
22 case, and since Mr. Oswald is obviously related to those in-
23 cidents and since Mr. Hunt was obviously related to the Agency

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1 connections between Mr. Oswald and the Agency might estab-
2 lish a link in the mind of a jury and that's obviously a
3 permissible question. It's circumstantial evidence, not di-
4 rect, and those kinds of things are for a jury to conclude,
5 and whether or not Mr. Weberman has been reasonable in a
6 publication. They don't have to decide, of course, the
7 truth or falsity of it, but the reasonableness and the
8 plausibility of it is certainly a consideration for a jury
9 under any jury, State or Federal, and this is Federal, and
10 it plays particularly in that circuit.

11 MR. SEIBERT: Well, my, my difficulty still
12 remains. I will not instruct the Witness not to answer at
13 this time, but if I do not see the connections turning to
14 Mr. Hunt, I will instruct him not to answer because I still
15 feel that the deposition seemed to be used, being used for
16 some purpose other than the lawsuit, and I'm at the loss to
17 know exactly what that purpose is.

18 MR. MILLER: Okay.

19 MR. RUBIN: At this time, again, I would join
20 in this objection. I think that the questions are immaterial
21 and are not designed to uncover any admissible evidence in
22 this lawsuit.

23 BY MR. MILLER (Resuming):

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1 Q All right. Now, the day that Oswald came
2 back from the Soviet Union and information released through
3 Freedom of Information Act, through the Warren Commission
4 studies regarding Mr. Oswald, there was an indication that
5 the Agency had concluded that there was no flight, London-
6 Helsinki on that day. Do you have any information regard-
7 ing that? Did that come across your desk before it went
8 to the Warren Commission?

9 MR. SEIBERT: Do you have a copy of these
10 Freedom of Information --

11 MR. MILLER: That's not-- no, but I'm asking

12 THE WITNESS: I don't remember anything like
13 that.

14 BY MR. MILLER (Resuming):

15 Q All right. Now, while Mr. Oswald was in Mos-
16 cow he had some contact with the American Embassy and I am
17 going to show you a document which, for this deposition,
18 should be labeled Plaintiff, Defendants' 1.

19 (Whereupon, Mr. Zeibell and Mr. Mayerfeld
20 conferred out of the hearing of others and off the record.
21 Mr. Weberman and Mr. Miller conferred out of the hearing of
22 others and off the record. Defendants' Exhibit Number 1
23 was marked, after which the following occurred:)

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1 MR. RUBIN: May I see that before it's hand-
2 ed to the Deponent? Thank you. This has nothing to do with
3 this case. I think Mr. Weberman is obviously trying to write
4 another book and he's using this deposition to fill in infor-
5 mation that he can't get from any other source. I, I would
6 object to this and any questions related to it.

7 MR. MILLER: Okay.

8 (Whereupon, the Witness conferred with Mr.
9 Seibert out of the hearing of others and off the record,
10 after which the following occurred:)

11 MR. RUBIN: It has nothing to do with Howard
12 Hunt at all.

13 (Whereupon, Mr. Seibert conferred with Mr.
14 Mayerfeld out of the hearing of others and off the record,
15 after which the following occurred:)

16 (Whereupon, Mr. Mayerfeld conferred with Mr.
17 Zeibell out of the hearing of others and off the record,
18 after which the following occurred:)

19 MR. SEIBERT: At this time I would like to
20 again ask the question: what this has to do in relation to

21 THE WITNESS: Why show it to me if you're not
22 going to let me testify about it? I don't want to see it.

23 MR. MAYERFELD: Let me see what it has to say.

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1 MR. MILLER: All right, Paragraph 4 in the
2 Complaint filed by Mr. Hunt, in Paragraphs (a), (b), (c), (d),
3 and (e), as well as (f) relate to the involvement of --

4 (Whereupon, Mr. Zeibell conferred with Mr.
5 Mayerfeld out of the hearing of others and off the record,
6 after which the following occurred:)

7 MR. MILLER: -- the C.I.A.'s Domestic Opera-
8 tions Division in the Kennedy Assassination and are termed,
9 I quote, "outrageously false and maliciously written," which
10 is the tail end of those paragraphs within the Bill of Com-
11 plaint. Now, those are the accusations which Mr. Hunt made,
12 and these relate to those accusations.

13 MR. RUBIN: No, it has nothing to do with it.

14 MR. SEIBERT: May I see a copy of the Com-
15 plaint?

16 MR. RUBIN: Right. No, it's all right. Mr.
17 Miller will show him a copy.

18 (Whereupon, Mr. Weberman conferred with Mr.
19 Miller out of the hearing of others and off the record, after
20 which the following occurred:)

21 MR. RUBIN: In response to the --

22 MR. MILLER: Wait. Wait, let him finish
23 reading it.

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1 MR. RUBIN: No, I'm going to finish putting
2 it in the record, now.

3 MR. MILLER: Well, sure, I'm --

4 MR. SEIBERT: I'll listen to whatever you say,
5 and then I'll finish reading the Complaint.

6 MR. RUBIN: In response to my friend's expla-
7 nation as to why this question is relevant because it pertains
8 to the Complaint, all that the Complaint does is take allega-
9 tions made in the book which concern Mr. Hunt's alleged ac-
10 tivities or positions with the C.I.A., and recites them in the
11 Complaint and says that they're false and malicious. This
12 doesn't make the question that was asked about Mr. Oswald in
13 the Soviet Union relevant to the allegations in the book that
14 Mr. Hunt held certain positions and did certain things with
15 the C.I.A., which we say are false to begin with. That's my
16 objection to the relevancy of this question.

17 (Whereupon, Mr. Weberman conferred with Mr.
18 Miller out of the hearing of others and off the record, after
19 which the following occurred:)

20 MR. SEIBERT: Is it Plaintiff's position that
21 the allegation in 4(b), while illustrative of what the Plain-
22 tiff believes to be false, is not the libel upon which the
23 lawsuit is based?

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1 MR. RUBIN: Let me read them.

2 (Whereupon, Mr. Miller conferred with Mr.
3 Weberman out of the hearing of the others and off the record,
4 after which the following occurred:)

5 MR. RUBIN: I think the whole Complaint
6 speaks for itself.

7 MR. MILLER: Exactly.

8 MR. RUBIN: Every allegation in the book
9 which is recited in this Complaint, and which is labeled as
10 false and malicious, is the subject of the lawsuit.

11 MR. MILLER: Therefore, the questions are
12 relevant.

13 MR. SEIBERT: I haven't finished reading the

14 MR. MILLER: Go ahead.

15 (Whereupon, Mr. Seibert conferred with Mr.
16 Mayerfeld out of the hearing of others and off the record,
17 after which the following occurred:)

18 (Whereupon, Mr. Seibert conferred with the
19 Witness out of the hearing of others and off the record,
20 after which the following occurred:)

21 MR. SEIBERT: You may continue with your
22 questioning.

23 BY MR. MILLER (Resuming):

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1 Q Okay. Now, the document that you just used,
2 were --

3 MR. SEIBERT: The Witness has not looked at
4 the copy, yet.

5 BY MR. MILLER (Resuming):

6 Q Okay, if you would review that document and
7 after which ask you if you've ever seen it before.

8 (Whereupon, Mr. Zeibell conferred with Mr.
9 Mayerfeld out of the hearing of others and off the record.
10 Mr. Weberman conferred with Mr. Miller out of the hearing of
11 others and off the record, after which the following occurred:

12 THE WITNESS: I have looked at what's on this
13 page.

14 BY MR. MILLER (Resuming):

15 Q All right. Now, --

16 (Whereupon, Mr. Miller conferred with Mr.
17 Weberman out of the hearing of others and off the record,
18 after which the following occurred:)

19 BY MR. MILLER (Resuming):

20 Q Now, all right, directing your attention to
21 the top of Page, Paragraph c, "Richard E. Snyder," now, this
22 indicates, does it not, that Mr. Snyder was an employee of
23 the Agency.

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1 A It says he entered on duty with C.I.A. on 8
2 November 1949. Is this an Agency document?

3 MR. WEBERMAN: Yeah.

4 BY MR. MILLER (Resuming):

5 Q Yes, this is obtained from our Freedom of In-
6 formation Act --

7 A It doesn't have "C.I.A." anyplace. Do you
8 testify to the fact it's an Agency document?

9 MR. ZEIBELL: It's a page of an Agency document

10 THE WITNESS: Okay.

11 (Whereupon, Mr. Weberman conferred with Mr.
12 Miller out of the hearing of others and off the record, after
13 which the following occurred:)

14 BY MR. MILLER (Resuming):

15 Q Okay. Now, he was the fellow that participa-
16 ted in Oswald's repatriation after he decided to leave the
17 Soviet Union. Does that refresh your recollection as to the
18 individual, Mr. Snyder?

19 A No, I don't know that I ever knew him.

20 Q All right, but do you know that the Agency
21 participated in any way, without going into what way or how,
22 through Mr. Snyder and the repatriation of Mr. Oswald after
23 he decided to return to the United States from the Soviet

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1 Union?

2 A No, you were telling me that Mr. Snyder was
3 involved in the repatriation. This is something I didn't
4 know about before and I don't know anything about it.

5 Q Okay. Do you know that the C.I.A. was involve
6 in his repatriation?

7 A I never heard of that before.

8 Q All right, did the C.I.A. take any steps for
9 assisting him for his reentry into the Soviet Union from
10 Helsinki?

11 A Not that I'm aware.

12 Q All right. Now, a woman named Rimma Shirakova
13 who defected to the United States recently, was a tourist
14 guide, defected to Britain, was a tourist guide in the Soviet
15 Union during Mr. Oswald's initial entry into the Soviet Union.
16 Does C.I.A. have any knowledge of this fact?

17 A Of this woman?

18 Q Of this woman, yes.

19 A I don't know who the woman is.

20 Q All right. Now, did Mr. Oswald have any con-
21 tact with the Central Intelligence Agency to your knowledge?

22 A Not to my knowledge.

23 Q Okay. Did the Agency have any interest in him

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1 at any time to your knowledge?

2 A Well, I've, I've always been under the im-
3 pression that the Agency did not have any interest in employ-
4 ing him. "Interest" is a rather broad term, I recognize.
5 I was told when I was testifying before the House Assassinati-
6 Committee, I think that's where it was, or at some point in
7 my life I have been told that somebody someplace in the Agency
8 once wrote a memorandum saying they thought that Oswald be,
9 would be of some interest to the Agency, but to the best of
10 my knowledge it was never followed up and no contacts were
11 made.

12 (Whereupon, Mr. Weberman conferred with Mr.
13 Miller out of the hearing of others and off the record, after
14 which the following occurred:)

15 BY MR. MILLER (Resuming):

16 Q All right. Now, is the name D. E. Boster,
17 B-o-s-t-e-r, familiar to you?

18 A B-o-s-t-e-r?

19 Q Yes, sir.

20 A Boster. No, it is not. Doesn't ring any
21 bells.

22 Q All right. Now, are you aware of a man named
23 Brady E. Ayers, A-y-e-r-s? He trained anti-Castro Cubans

1 during the Bay of Pigs some years ago.

2 A I'm not aware of the name, now. It's, might
3 have been somewhere in my past, but there were an awful lot
4 of names in my past.

5 Q All right. All right. Now, you are aware
6 that, as with any Government agency, there are various files
7 that are kept on various employees.

8 A Beg your pardon?

9 Q There are various files that your agency, as
10 other Government agencies, maintains on employees. One of
11 those on a regular agent would be a 201 file.

12 A I really am not a hundred percent sure in my
13 mind any more what the 201 files in the Agency were. The
14 House Assassinations Committee spent hours with me on this,
15 and I think I did, probably didn't have it right then, and I
16 don't have it right, now, so I think if you want to know ex-
17 actly what a 201 file is, you better get somebody up here
18 from the Agency to tell you.

19 Q Okay. Did you have any information that there
20 was such a file for Mr. Oswald?

21 A I would have assumed that there would have
22 been some kind of a file for Mr. Oswald, because I would have
23 thought that some time in, when he was involved in this pecu-

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1 liar episode in Moscow, that somebody would have opened a
2 file and if they didn't do it then they certainly would
3 have done it after he was picked up in Mexico.

4 Q All right. Are you aware of any connection
5 between either Edward Epstein or William Oltman, O-l-t-m-a-n,
6 and the 'Agency?

7 A Is Edward Epstein the author?

8 MR. WEBERMAN: Yeah.

9 BY MR. MILLER (Resuming):

10 Q Yes, sir.

11 A And, who is William Oltman?

12 MR. WEBERMAN: He's a Dutch journalist.

13 THE WITNESS: A Dutch journalist?

14 MR. WEBERMAN: Yeah.

15 THE WITNESS: The name doesn't ring any bells
16 with me. I've heard it. I've heard of Epstein because I
17 know that he wrote a book about Lee Harvey Oswald.

18 BY MR. MILLER (Resuming):

19 Q Did you have any --

20 (Whereupon, Mr. Weberman conferred with Mr.
21 Miller out of the hearing of others and off the record, after
22 which the following occurred:)

23 BY MR. MILLER (Resuming):

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1 Q All right, what did you know about their re-
2 lationship?

3 A I did, didn't know anything about their rela-
4 tionship.

5 Q Or their connection with the Agency.

6 A I didn't know they had any connection with
7 the Agency.

8 Q All right. Now, other than the Bay of Pigs,
9 other than the military arms, there were other activities
10 under way that have come out in books, magazines
11 and the like. Now, are you related to the Fair Play for Cuba
12 Committee?

13 MR. SEIBERT: What's the relation of Bay of
14 Pigs to this?

15 MR. MILLER: Bay of Pigs relates as you re-
16 call from the assassination allegations at C.I.A. that, throu
17 the Cubans, Hunt and the Mafia, the Agency was able to effect
18 the operation and it was a C.I.A. operation and if that is
19 shown to be so, then that would obviously affect the position
20 of the Defendants in a libel suit.

21 MR. SEIBERT: I have no objection if you want
22 to establish any relationship that the Witness knows from the
23 Bay of Pigs.

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1 MR. MILLER: That's what I mean; he's got
2 to know about the Bay of Pigs.

3 MR. SEIBERT: I have no objection to estab-
4 lishing his knowledge of the Bay of Pigs, but beyond that I
5 would object and instruct him not to comment on the general
6 operations, himself.

7 MR. MILLER: I'm not going into specific ac-
8 tivities, but you were aware that there was a Fair Play for
9 Cuba Committee as part of that situation?

10 THE WITNESS: I recall the name of Fair Play
11 for Cuba Committee, but I can't, for the life of me, remember
12 whether it was pro-Castro or anti-Castro at this stage.

13 BY MR. MILLER (Resuming):

14 Q All right, and you were aware that he had a
15 role with C.I.A. activities with the Bay of Pigs Operation?

16 A He had some connection with the Bay of Pigs,
17 as I recall.

18 Q Okay, along with various other individuals
19 like Orlando Bosch, Juan Orta and Manuel Arttime.

20 A That, I don't know.

21 Q Okay. To your knowledge did Mr. Hunt have
22 any knowledge or any activities with anyone in what is called
23 the Mafia in terms of Bay of Pigs activities or subsequent

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1 thereto?

2 A I don't recall ever having heard any asser-
3 tion that Mr. Hunt was connected with the Mafia.

4 Q All right. Now, did Mr. Oswald, to your know-
5 ledge, have any connection with a Free Cuba Committee? This
6 matter was raised during Congressional testimony for the re-
7 cent Committee hearings.

8 A Free Cuba Committee; was that a pro-Castro
9 organization?

10 MR. WEBERMAN: Anti-Castro.

11 BY MR. MILLER (Resuming):

12 Q It was an anti-Castro organization.

13 A I don't know. I thought that, this is Oswald
14 you're talking about?

15 Q Yes, sir.

16 A I thought that Oswald was associated with
17 pro-Castro organization rather than anti-Castro organizations,
18 or have I got this reversed here?

19 Q Well, I'm asking you what you recall.

20 A My recollection is that he was a pro-Castro
21 fellow.

22 Q All right. Did Mr. Hunt have any connection
23 with the Free Cuba Committee or the Fair Play for Cuba Com-

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1 mittee?

2 A I don't have any recollection on that.

3 Q All right. What about the group, the title
4 called The Cuban Revolutionary Front?

5 MR. SEIBERT: What's the question?

6 BY MR. MILLER (Resuming):

7 Q Did you have any knowledge of Mr. Hunt's or
8 Mr. Oswald's involvement with the Group called Cuban Revolu-
9 tionary Front?

10 A I don't know.

11 Q Either in Miami or in New Orleans?

12 A I don't know.

13 Q Okay. Are the relations of either Ed Butler
14 or Carlos Bringuier?

15 MR. SEIBERT: To the same organization?

16 MR. MILLER: Yes.

17 THE WITNESS: Ed Butler and Carlos Bringuier?

18 MR. MILLER: B-r-i-n-g-u-i-e-r.

19 THE WITNESS: Could you identify them for me?

20 BY MR. MILLER (Resuming):

21 Q They were working with the Cuban Revolutionary
22 Front during the period of times.

23 A Well, the names don't mean anything to me.

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1 Q Okay. Do you have any knowledge of visits
2 by Mr. Oswald to the Soviet Union and the Cuban Embassy in
3 Mexico City in October, 1963?

4 THE WITNESS: You fellows want me to answer
5 that?

6 MR. MAYERFELD: The knowledge, yes, if you
7 have such a knowledge.

8 THE WITNESS: Wasn't that the occasion on
9 which the first evidence appeared that he was trying to go
10 to the Soviet Union?

11 MR. MAYERFELD: That's correct.

12 THE WITNESS: I mean, I may have my dates
13 wrong. I mean, I can't hold all these dates in my head, but
14 there was a time when he visited the Soviet Embassy in Mexico
15 City and it was this report which later surfaced after the
16 assassination to indicate that he'd been at the embassy. Is
17 this the report?

18 MR. MAYERFELD: That's what you mean?

19 MR. MILLER: That's basically it, yes.

20 MR. RUBIN: That's his knowledge.

21 (Whereupon, remarks were made among those
22 present off the record, after which the following occurred:)

23 BY MR. MILLER (Resuming):

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1 Q Now, did there, did you get that, your infor-
2 mation from Mr. Karamessines, I believe?

3 MR. WEBERMAN: Karamessines.

4 MR. MILLER: Karamessines. Sorry.

5 (Whereupon, Mr. Miller conferred with Mr.
6 Weberman out of the hearing of others and off the record,
7 after which the following occurred:)

8 BY MR. MILLER (Resuming):

9 Q Had you ever?

10 A What was the question, sir? I didn't --

11 Q The information regarding Mr. Oswald and the
12 embassy, did that come to you from Mr. Karamessines?

13 A I don't know. It may have.

14 Q All right.

15 A But, it was certainly in the pieces of paper
16 that were circulating in the Agency.

17 Q Okay, and I show you a photograph, photograph
18 is a photocopy. It's an F.O.I.A. review from July, 1976.
19 The docket number is 938, dash 927, little J.

20 Make this Plaintiffs' 2.

21 (Whereupon, Defendants' Exhibit Number 2 was
22 marked.)

23 MR. MILLER: Okay.

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1 MR. RUBIN: I've seen it.

2 THE WITNESS: Now, what is the question?

3 BY MR. MILLER (Resuming):

4 Q Okay. First, do you recognize the individual
5 pictured in the photograph?

6 A No.

7 Q All right. It's Mr. Oswald.

8 (Whereupon, Mr. Weberman conferred with Mr.
9 Miller out of the hearing of others and off the record, after
10 which the following occurred:)

11 THE WITNESS: Is it Mr. Oswald?

12 BY MR. MILLER (Resuming):

13 Q No, that's what I was asking you. You've not
14 seen that individual before?

15 A I don't, the individual, the man?

16 Q Yeah.

17 A No, I've never seen him before.

18 Q Okay, and --

19 (Whereupon, Mr. Miller conferred with Mr.
20 Weberman out of the hearing of others and off the record, af-
21 ter which the following occurred:)

22 BY MR. MILLER (Resuming):

23 Q All right. Did, to your knowledge, did the

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1 Soviet Union have any knowledge on its part that the Agency
2 had a camera at 149 Francisco Marquis^a Street which photo-
3 graphed people going in and out for the, so that obviously
4 Mr. Oswald, being a visitor to that embassy, would be photo-
5 graphed?

6 MR. SELBERT: I would object on behalf of
7 Director Turner on grounds that an answer could require the
8 disclosure of information which would be considered classi-
9 fied and I would instruct the Witness that if he knows the
10 answer not to answer.

11 MR. MILLER: All right.

12 BY MR. MILLER (Resuming):

13 Q Now, Mr. Oswald, during his Mexican sojourns,
14 had contacts with a Sylvia Duran. Was she a C.I.A. penetra-
15 tion agent, and, in accompanying and controlling Mr. Oswald
16 for the Agency?

17 A I recall the name of Sylvia Duran in connec-
18 tion with the case, but I don't have any recollections any
19 more what role she played.

20 Q All right. There came a time when you sent
21 Mr. J. Lee Rankin, who's the Warren Commission General Counsel,
22 an affidavit regarding the circumstances and origin of cer-
23 tain photographs that had come into question during their

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1 investigation. This affidavit was declassified February,
2 '77. Do you recall the affidavit to which I refer?

3 A No.

4 Q Okay. Do you recall whether or not you made
5 any affidavits in which there were more than one draft re-
6 garding photographs about which the Commission was making
7 inquiry?

8 A No, I don't.

9 Q All right. Now, do you recall that the Warren
10 Commission called upon the services of the Agency during its
11 investigation for various things?

12 A Various questions were asked; that's right.

13 Q Right, and did there come a time when the Com-
14 mission had the Deputy Director of Plans investigate Oswald
15 in their behalf?

16 A I don't recall any investigation of Oswald
17 that was requested. Deputy Director of Plans. I'm sure there
18 were a lot of questions related to Oswald that were asked
19 of the Agency, but that the DDP was asked to investigate
20 Lee Harvey Oswald, I don't have any recollection of anything
21 as broad-ranging as that.

22 Q Okay.

23 (Whereupon, Mr. Webberman conferred with Mr.

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1 Miller out of the hearing of others and off the record, af-
2 ter which the following occurred:)

3 BY MR. MILLER (Resuming):

4 Q Now, did there come a time, to your knowledge,
5 when any request was made either by the Warren Commission or
6 by the Rockefeller Commission regarding any connections
7 that may have existed between Mr. Oswald and/or Mr. Hunt and
8 the Cuban operations around the Bay of Pigs and any connec-
9 tion that was made just between them?

10 A Well, I don't recall anything of that kind
11 at the time. You know, Mr. Hunt has become a famous figure
12 in the United States since Watergate, but before that he was
13 in the covert part of the C.I.A. and he was not an individual
14 that one necessarily associated with any particular individu-
15 als. I wouldn't have, even this late in the game, I wouldn't
16 have necessarily thought that there had been any association
17 between Oswald and Hunt. Why should there have been?

18 Q All right. I'm going to ask you a few names,
19 and if you would indicate to me whether or not you have any
20 recollection of these names. The list is a little bit long.
21 I'll try to do it speedily. Carlos Prio?

22 A I've heard of Carlos Prio. He was an official
23 of the Cuban government at one time, wasn't he?

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1 Q That's correct. Do you have any connection,
2 knowledge of his connection with Mr. Hunt or Mr. Sturgis or
3 Mr. Oswald?

4 A No.

5 Q All right. Paul Bethel?

6 A Paul Bethel. I think I've heard that name
7 before, but I don't know in what connection.

8 Q All right. Orlando Bosch?

9 A Wasn't he a figure in Cuban politics of some
10 sort?

11 Q Yes, and he was a figure in certain of the Bay
12 of Pigs activities and --

13 A But, I don't know what role he played. I don't
14 remember.

15 Q All right. Paul Helwell?

16 A Paul Helwell?

17 MR. WEBERMAN: Helwell, excuse.

18 BY MR. MILLER (Resuming):

19 Q Helwell. Excuse me.

20 A Isn't he a Miami lawyer or something?

21 Q Yes, but do you have any knowledge of his
22 relations with Mr. Hunt, Mr. Oswald?

23 A Not especially, no.

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1 Q All right. Ricardo Morales?

2 A That name doesn't ring any bell.

3 Q All right, Rolando Otero?"

4 A No.

5 Q Or the Novo brothers?

6 A Novo, no.

7 Q Yes, N-o-v-o. Yes, sir.

8 A No.

9 Q All right. Manuel Arttime?

10 A Manuel Arttime?

11 MR. RUBIN: Arttime.

12 MR. MILLER: Arttime.

13 THE WITNESS: He was a Cuban exile while we
14 had something to do with the paramilitary aspects of opera-
15 tions against Cuba.

16 BY MR. MILLER (Resuming):

17 Q All right. Do you have any knowledge of
18 any relationship between Mr. Hunt, Mr. Sturgis, in the
19 parabellum?

20 A No, that name doesn't mean anything.

21 Q All right, or John Martino?

22 A No.

23 Q Esteban Ventura?

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1 A No.

2 Q Nathan Weil?

3 A What was the last name?

4 Q Weil, W-e-i-l.

5 MR. WEBERMAN: Nathaniel Weil.

6 THE WITNESS: Nathaniel. I don't know that
7 name. Seems vaguely familiar to me.

8 BY MR. MILLER (Resuming):

9 Q Geraldine Shamna or James Buchanan?

10 A No.

11 Q Baston Baquero?

12 A (Nodded no.)

13 MR. WEBERMAN: And, two more.

14 THE WITNESS: No.

15 BY MR. MILLER (Resuming):

16 Q All right, Emilio Nunez Portuondo?

17 A Portuondo?

18 Q Yes.

19 A No.

20 Q Stanley Ross?

21 A No.

22 Q And, do you have any knowledge of an individu-
23 als (sic), individual whose name is Daniel Carswell?

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1 A Daniel Carswell? No.

2 (Whereupon, Mr. Weberman conferred with Mr.
3 Miller out of the hearing of others and off the record, af-
4 ter which the following occurred:)

5 THE WITNESS: I've heard the name of Carswell
6 someplace, but I don't know whether it was the Judge who
7 didn't become Supreme Court Justice or just where I've heard
8 the name, but I can't elucidate in this context.

9 BY MR. MILLER (Resuming):

10 Q All right. Do you know whether or not Charles
11 Sirigusa, operating on behalf of the Agency, made an effort
12 to get Mr. Carswell out of Cuba on behalf of the Agency?

13 A Sirigusa?

14 Q Yes, sir.

15 A Is he the one that used to be the head of the
16 Drug Agency in the days before it was D.E.A.?

17 Q Before, it was B.N.D.D., yes.

18 A No, I don't know anything about the operations
19 he was conducting in Cuba.

20 Q Okay, what about Boris Pach, P-a-c-h?

21 A Well, Boris Pach was a, I thought he was a
22 Russian expert of some sort or Russian emmigre expert. I
23 don't associate him with the Cuban business, although I don't

1 say that he wasn't. He might have been.

2 Q Okay. Did Howard Hunt, to your knowledge,
3 have any involvement in the Cuban Revolutionary Council?

4 A In the Cuban -- I don't know.

5 Q All right.

6 (Whereupon, Mr. Weberman conferred with Mr.
7 Miller out of the hearing of others and off the record, af-
8 ter which the following occurred:)

9 BY MR. MILLER (Resuming):

10 Q All right, was Pach a head of a division in
11 the Agency, to your knowledge?

12 A Huh?

13 Q Was Mr. Pach ever the head of any section
14 within the Agency?

15 A Oh, I don't have any recollection any more
16 as to what, how, how long, Pach was there or what he did.

17 Q All right, and did Mr. Hunt ever express to
18 you either in a memoranda or report, orally, or otherwise,
19 any reaction to the events that occurred during the actual
20 Bay of Pigs invasion, itself?

21 A I wasn't getting any reports from Mr. Hunt
22 about the Bay of Pigs. Those were all going to Bissell and
23 Barnes and the people that had directly to do with the opera-

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1 tion. I wasn't recipient of reports from individuals involved
2 in that operation and Hunt was nowhere near the head of it,
3 so it's unlikely that I would have seen his reports.

4 (Whereupon, Mr. Weberman conferred with Mr.
5 Miller out of the hearing of others and off the record, after
6 which the following occurred:)

7 BY MR. MILLER (Resuming):

8 Q Mr. Hunt was involved in the Bay of Pigs,
9 though.

10 A Well, he was on, peripherally involved in some
11 fashion or other. I don't even remember exactly what his job
12 was any more.

13 Q All right. Do you recall receiving a memo on
14 or about 7 January 1966, from Mr. Angleton, indicating that
15 there would be, that the Agency might face a problem of
16 explaining the presence of Mr. Hunt in Dealy Plaza on November
17 22, 1963?

18 A I recall no such memorandum.

19 Q All right. Has that question ever been pro-
20 pounded to you before during your various associations with
21 the Warren Commission, the Rockefeller Commission and the
22 recent Congressional committee's investigation?

23 A Well, I don't, my recollection of this alleged

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1 was that it came up in a Wilmington newspaper, --

2 Q That's correct.

3 A --and I happened to see it on the day that it
4 appeared, but I have no knowledge of any such memorandum,
5 and I thought that the allegation, such as it was, that Hunt
6 had been in Dallas, had been disposed of by the Rockefeller
7 Commission report and I know nothing further about this. I
8 don't even know where Mr. Trento alleged to have gotten this
9 information from.

10 Q All right. Did there come a time when you ever
11 became aware of Mr. Oswald through his entry into the Soviet
12 Union, around the time of these actual occurrences, when he
13 defected to the Soviet Union and then when he came back to
14 the United States, either of those?

15 A I'm sorry, but what, what are you asking me?

16 Q Did you ever have knowledge of those events
17 or incidents, either of his entry in it, at or about the
18 time it occurred, or his return to the United States at or
19 about the time that occurred?

20 A I don't know for sure, but I doubt it and I
21 can't recreate now any particular reason why I should have
22 known about it.

23 Q All right, did --

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1 A I might have, but I don't recall having known
2 about it at the time.

3 Q Okay.

4 A But, I read a lot of material about it since
5 and my memory is obviously, could have been contaminated.

6 Q All right. To your knowledge is it general
7 practice of the C.I.A. to have an interest in Americans who
8 defect to Communist Bloc countries, at least to have a, a,
9 at the very minimal, a cursory investigation of who they
10 are or, or where they have, have been in the United States
11 prior to their defection?

12 A Well, I would have thought that the, any
13 Americans defecting to Communist countries would certainly
14 attract the attention of the C.I.A., although in such situa-
15 tions the legal status of those Americans would have still
16 been under the jurisdiction of the Department of Justice and
17 I assume the F.B.I., so that the C.I.A.'s interest would
18 have been more academic than anything else.

19 Q All right. Would it have been the practice
20 of the Agency, then, to cooperate on requests of Department
21 of Justice, specifically the F.B.I., during one of those?

22 A If the information was requested of us of
23 the Agency, I'm sure this agency would do the best it could

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1 to respond.

2 Q All right. To your knowledge, now, though
3 you may not have had the knowledge then, did the Agency have
4 any awareness or interest in the fact that Mr. Oswald, during
5 his military career, had been in bases where the U-2 had
6 been situated?

7 A I don't even recall any allusion to that at
8 this time.

9 Q All right.

10 A First time I ever heard it, at least the first
11 time I think I ever heard it, was much later.

12 Q All right. Now, Mr. Oswald appeared on Radio
13 Moscow some, at some point during his defection. To your
14 knowledge did the C.I.A. or, or any of its operations, or
15 did the C.I.A. have knowledge of the State Department or
16 otherwise making a recording of that broadcast, and if so,
17 would you, you know where the custodian of that document
18 would be at this time?

19 A Well, if a copy were made of the broadcast
20 I would have thought that it would have been made by the
21 Federal Broadcast Information Service.

22 Q All right, but you have, that's never been
23 brought to your attention?

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1 A Not that I'm aware of.

2 Q All right, and during the course of these in-
3 vestigations I imagine that you've been asked questions
4 about Mr. Hunt more recently and previously about Mr. Oswald
5 and his relationship with the, to the Central Intelligence
6 Agency during your hearings and so on; is that correct?

7 A Yes; I've been asked on, I guess, certainly
8 more than one occasion what the relationship was alleged to
9 have been.

10 Q All right.

11 A And, my recollection is that all the testimony
12 will show that I was, believed that he had had no connection
13 with the Agency.

14 Q All right. Did you have any occasion prior
15 to testifying in a public hearing to request the deletion of
16 certain questions you knew were to be asked for reasons of
17 national security?

18 A Where, where was this?

19 Q In relation to the investigation of the Ken-
20 nedy assassination on either the Warren Commission, the Rocke-
21 feller Commission or the recent Congressional investigation.

22 A Well, I don't know. That's such a wide-ranging
23 number of inquiries that I don't know how to answer it. The

1 most recent one was the House Assassinations Committee ques-
2 tioning, and I don't recall that I asked for any relief. It
3 was the Agency that asked for the relief, not me.

4 Q All right.

5 MR. SEIBERT: Your, your question was addres-
6 sed to whether the Witness asked ahead of time that a ques-
7 tion not be asked of him?

8 MR. MILLER: Not be asked because of national
9 security reasons, or the Agency.

10 BY MR. MILLER (Resuming):

11 Q In other words, you or the Agency, in other
12 words, and I'm not concerned with what the question was,
13 just whether or not in your briefing you said, "Please don't
14 ask this question or that question because it relates to
15 national security."

16 A I don't recall anything like that.

17 Q Do you recall any questions being deleted
18 between the formal and informal sessions for those reasons?

19 A I don't know. While I was on the stand in
20 public I believe that the lawyers, the counsel who was ques-
21 tioning me on a couple of occasions made some reference to
22 the fact that something could not be on the public record
23 and had been deleted from the exhibit that I was about to

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1 see or something, but I don't remember how many times that
2 occurred.

3 Q All right. Were you aware of any photographs
4 that were taken of Mr. Oswald during his visit to Mexico
5 City on or about October 3 or 4 of 1963?

6 (Whereupon, Mr. Weberman conferred with Mr.
7 Miller out of the hearing of others and off the record, after
8 which the following occurred:)

9 MR. MAYERFELD: Do you have any knowledge of
10 it?

11 THE WITNESS: If photographs were taken then?

12 MR. MAYERFELD: Yeah.

13 THE WITNESS: I don't recall any photographs
14 that were taken.

15 BY MR. MILLER (Resuming):

16 Q Okay. Do you recall, the only thing you do
17 recall is the information regarding his presence there?

18 A (Nodded yes.)

19 Q Was he, to your knowledge, contacted or visit-
20 ed or did he contact or visit anyone connected with the Cen-
21 tral Intelligence Agency during that visit to Mexico in or
22 about October 3 or 4, 1963?

23 A In Mexico City?

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1 Q In Mexico City.

2 A Not that I'm aware of.

3 Q What about in, in Mexico or the United States
4 immediately before or after that visit?

5 A I never heard of any.

6 Q All right. Now, you're acquainted with H. R.
7 Haldeman, --

8 A Yes.

9 Q -- who was former Assistant to former Presi-
10 dent Nixon?

11 A Yes.

12 Q Now, did there come a time when you were
13 aware that Mr. Hunt was working with the White House?

14 A Yes, there came a time when I was made aware
15 that he was working with the White House.

16 Q All right.

17 (Whereupon, Mr. Mayerfeld and Mr. Seibert con-
18 ferred out of the hearing of others and off the record,
19 after which the following occurred:)

20 BY MR. MILLER (Resuming):

21 Q All right, and did you ever have any awareness
22 of any request by the White House through any source, includ-
23 ing Mr. Hunt, of a request of assistance from the Agency on

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1 any projects?

2 MR. SEIBERT: Again, for my clarification, he
3 does the White House, and I presume you're talking about the
4 Nixon Administration, --

5 MR. MILLER: Uh-huh.

6 MR. SEIBERT: -- figure into this litigation?

7 MR. MILLER: The, the next question I think
8 will clarify that.

9 BY MR. MILLER (Resuming):

10 Q If you're aware that Mr. Hunt was working
11 at the White House I'll go on to the next question. I think
12 that will solve it.

13 A Well, the Watergate hearings, which were
14 rather extensive, covered this in exhaustive detail.

15 Q All right. Now, Mr. Nixon had had a hand in
16 the earlier plannings of the Bay of Pigs prior to the Presi-
17 dential election.

18 A Did he?

19 Q I'm asking you, did he, to your knowledge?

20 A I have no idea. I don't think so, but I
21 never heard it. I never heard it alleged that he did.

22 Q All right. I don't mean that he was actually
23 sitting there doing it, but he had an awareness of it and he

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1 was acting in a more than advisory position.

2 A But, to my personal knowledge I know nothing
3 about this.

4 Q Okay, but do you recall that after being elec-
5 ted, that he requested to see Bay of Pigs files and datas
6 from the Agency in, in or about 1971?

7 A My recollection is that sometime between his
8 being elected and the next election, in other words, in
9 about mid-term I guess it would have been, he asked me for
10 some information about the Bay of Pigs and I think about
11 the Dziem*episode in Viet Nam, and maybe something about
12 Trujillo in the Dominican Republic.

13 Q All right. Did he ever make any of these re-
14 quests through Mr. Hunt?

15 A To me?

16 Q Yes.

17 A No, he made the request to me through Mr. Er-
18 lichman.

19 Q All right. To your knowledge did he, were
20 any requests made specifically for any information regarding
21 either Mr. Hunt or Mr. Oswald directly or indirectly?

22 A By President Nixon?

23 Q By President Nixon or someone acting on his

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1 behalf or on his staff?

2 A I have no recollection of any such request.

3 Q All right. Do you recall having a meeting on
4 June 23, 1972, with Mr. Haldeman and Mr. Erlichman and
5 Deputy Director Vernon Walters?

6 A You mean the meeting that came about as a
7 result of the so-called "smoking pistol"?

8 Q Something to that effect.

9 A Most publicized meeting in history.

10 Q Perhaps. Perhaps.

11 A Yeah, I do. I do recall that one.

12 Q You do recall that meeting. All right. Do
13 you recall whether or not the individuals who were repre-
14 senting the White House interest, so to speak, were concern-
15 ed about the exposure of Mr. Hunt's involvement with the Bay
16 of Pigs and with the Agency?

17 A Well, the two White House representatives at
18 the meeting were Haldeman and Erlichman, --

19 Q Right.

20 A -- and I don't, I obviously, memory is very
21 fallible, but I don't recall Mrs., Mr. Hunt's name ever
22 coming up in connection with the meeting.

23 Q All right. Do you recall, and this is a,

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1 Mr. Haldeman made this statement in his book on that affair
2 called *The Ends of Power*. The statement was to the effect
3 that, that you became very distressed at that and said that
4 the Bay of Pigs had nothing to do with the situation and
5 you, that you were not concerned about it.

6 (Whereupon, Mr. Mayerfeld conferred with Mr.
7 Seibert out of the hearing of others and off the record,
8 after which the following occurred:)

9 MR. SEIBERT: Distressed at what?

10 BY MR. MILLER (Resuming):

11 Q At the investigation into the Watergate area.
12 Many of the individuals, like the Cubans, had been involved
13 in the Bay, Bay of Pigs, and the nature of the discussion was
14 about the Agency and the Bay of Pigs, connection between the
15 Watergate affairs and the Bay of Pigs affair and he made the
16 statement to the effect, without going to the exact words,
17 that you became distressed at being pressed on that point
18 during the course of that meeting. Would that statement
19 be accurate and correct to your --

20 MR. SEIBERT: Do you have a copy of the state
21 ment for us to look at?

22 MR. MILLER: I have a quote that says --

23 (Whereupon, Mr. Seibert conferred with the

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1 Witness out of the hearing of others and off the record,
2 after which the following occurred:)

3 THE WITNESS: Of course I recall it.

4 BY MR. MILLER (Resuming):

5 Q "'The President asked me to tell you this en-
6 tire affair may be connected to the Bay of Pigs, and if it
7 opens up, the Bay of Pigs may be blown.' Then there was turmoil
8 in the room, Helms gripping the arms of his chair, leaning
9 forward and shouting, quote, 'The Bay of Pigs had nothing to
10 do with this,' period. 'I have no concern about the Bay of Pigs,'
11 period, close quote. 'Silence. I just sat there. I was ab-
12 solutely shocked by Helms' violent reaction,' period. 'Again
13 I wondered what was such dynamite in the Bay of Pigs story,'
14 question mark, close quote.

15 The, that's the statement to which I referred
16 that came out of his book and --

17 A Well, in response to your question, Mr. Hal-
18 perception of what happened is quite different from
19 mine.

20 Q All right.

21 A I was not distressed. I was attempting to be
22 emphatic.

23 Q All right.

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1 A I did not like Mr. Haldeman attempting to
2 blackmail me by indicating in some fashion or other that by
3 raising the Bay of Pigs it was going to frighten me into do-
4 ing something that they wanted us to do and I wanted to get
5 this stopped, this whole approach and so I was emphatic in
6 my reply to them, to him that I didn't care about the Bay
7 of Pigs, which is true to this day, as it was then, and
8 Haldeman's effort in the book to tie the Agency into Water-
9 gate I regard as disreputable.

10 Q All right.

11 (Whereupon, Mr. Weberman conferred with Mr.
12 Miller out of the hearing of others and off the record, af-
13 ter which the following occurred:)

14 BY MR. MILLER (Resuming):

15 Q Did you ever have any information come to
16 your knowledge during the course of your association with
17 the Agency and subsequent to 1963, of any connection or re-
18 lationship, either actually or through what a lawyer would
19 call circumstantial evidence, of a connection between Mr.
20 Hunt and/or any of the Cubans who were arrested in the Water-
21 gate affair, and the Kennedy assassination, either inferences
22 or hard data?

23 A I'm sorry, that's, that's a slightly involved

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1 question and I wish you would restate it if you don't mind.

2 Q All right.

3 A So to be sure I know what I'm answering.

4 Q Okay. Did you ever have any information or
5 knowledge, either of direct, that is slight hearsay, a re-
6 port, hearsay, living color, or circumstantial, which might
7 be an inference or a suggestion of a connection between Mr.
8 Hunt and those individuals arrested at the Watergate break-
9 in, and the assassination of President Kennedy?

10 A No, I think that the only answer I can give
11 to that question is, no, I don't recall, as I sit here
12 today, any connection between, among any of them and the
13 Kennedy assassination.

14 Q All right. Do you recall, do you recall that
15 ever being suggested to you?

16 A No I don't recall it having been suggested
17 to me.

18 Q All right. All right. This, which I'm going
19 to show you, is a memoranda dated 20 February 1964. It was
20 received from the Freedom of Information Act review of Janu-
21 ary, 1976. It bears Document Number 563, dash 801 (sic),
22 "Memoranda (sic) For Chief, Subject: Documents Available
23 in OSWALD's 201 File," and make this Plaintiff's Number,

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1 what, three?

2 MR. RUBIN: Three.

3 MR. MILLER: For this deposition, and show it.

4 BY MR. MILLER (Resuming):

5 Q Have you seen that before?

6 MR. RUBIN: No, no.

7 MR. MILLER: Okay.

8 (Whereupon, Defendants' Exhibit Number 3 was
9 marked. Remarks were made among those present off the record
10 after which the following occurred:)

11 THE WITNESS: Do you want me to read the
12 scribble to the bottom, here?

13 BY MR. MILLER (Resuming):

14 Q Oh, no. I just want you to read the document.

15 A All right, I've read it.

16 Q And, ask you if, if you've ever seen the docu-
17 ment before.

18 A Well, it seems to me that this was one that
19 the House Assassinations Committee may have had. It seems
20 vaguely familiar.

21 Q All right. Do you recall if they presented
22 that to you during informal session prior to your actual
23 testimony?

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1 A I don't know what, just when I saw it first.
2 I guess probably maybe they showed it to me on both occasion

3 Q All right.

4 A Or at least there was an allusion to this
5 business because the Committee was trying to find out why it
6 was that certain documents were not in the file when this
7 memorandum was written and I believe that I may not have giv
8 en exactly the right answer, but several experts went down
9 to the Committee afterwards to tell them exactly how the 201
10 system operated and what would have likely happened to those
11 documents, so that's the best I can do for you.

12 Q All right. Do you recall --

13 A In other words, it wasn't mysterious. It was
14 a perfectly normal thing not for them to be in the 201 file.

15 Q All right. Do you recall whether or not that
16 file documents were made available to the Committee?

17 A I don't know.

18 Q All right, and do you recall, during the course
19 of the initial investigation under the Warren Commission you
20 were at various times asked various questions, formally and
21 informally, by various investigators, and did anyone ever bring
22 to your attention the presence in Marina Oswald's, Mr. Os-
23 wald's wife, address book the name and address of a Robert,

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1 Robert Edward Webster, a supposed double agent, who went over
2 to the Soviet Union in 1959?

3 A That name doesn't ring any bells to me.

4 Q All right. What about either Boris Kar-Patnic
5 or William Edgerton Morehouse, Jr.?

6 A Kar-Patnitsky?

7 Q Yes, I'm --

8 MR. SEIBERT: Are these also names in her ad-
9 dress book?

10 MR. WEBERMAN: No.

11 MR. MILLER: No, these were other names con-
12 nected with Oswald through the Warren Commission. Mr. Os-
13 wald supposedly saw an elderly American being hospitalized
14 for some wounds in Moscow and it was supposed to, that one
15 of these two individuals was the elderly American.

16 BY MR. MILLER (Resuming):

17 Q Did that come to the attention of the C.I.A.?

18 A I don't know. I couldn't shed any light.

19 Q All right, you wouldn't know whether the F.B.I.
20 made any investigation to know whether or not you, not you,
21 but the Agency knew anything about it?

22 A No.

23 Q All right.

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1 MR. RUBIN: I don't know how you're going to
2 tie all of these in with Howard Hunt and I'll place a continu
3 ing objection in the record on this line of questioning.

4 MR. MILLER Okay.

5 MR. RUBIN: Old men in Moscow?

6 MR. MILLER: Well, there's a lot of old men
7 in Moscow.

8 MR. RUBIN: None of them were named Huntinsky.

9 MR. MILLER: Okay.

10 BY MR. MILLER (Resuming):

11 Q All right. Would you, now, the exhibit you
12 just viewed mentioned a 201 file for Mr. Oswald. Would that
13 indicate that he had some sort of a, an employment relation-
14 ship with the Agency, though not necessarily a regular Agency
15 employee?

16 A Doesn't mean anything.

17 Q All right.

18 (Whereupon, Mr. Weberman conferred with Mr.
19 Miller out of the hearing of others and off the record,
20 after which the following occurred:)

21 BY MR. MILLER (Resuming):

22 Q Right. Mr., do you know Patrick McGaffrey,*
23 or does the name Patrick McGaffrey mean anything to you?

*Phonetic

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1 A Now, where have I heard of a Patrick McGaffrey

2 Q He was with the Agency some time ago.

3 A Patrick McGaffrey.

4 MR. WEBERMAN: Wrote a book on C.I.A.

5 THE WITNESS: Well, I don't bring it into
6 focus. Can you help me?

7 BY MR. MILLER (Resuming):

8 Q All right, he wrote a book on C.I.A. and the
9 book, I believe the title of which was *Mciff and the Madness*,
10 came out about, what, two years ago?

11 A I must have had the good fortune to miss it.

12 Q Okay. Would you be surprised by a statement
13 of his that if a guy had a, quote, "If a guy had a 201 file,"
14 comma, "that means he's full-time professional staff employee
15 of the organization," period, close quote?

16 A I don't believe that's a truthful statement.

17 Q Okay.

18 A Or an accurate statement. Let's put it that
19 way.

20 Q All right.

21 MR. RUBIN: Sounds like Joe Trento.

22 (Whereupon, remarks were made among those
23 present off the record, after which the following occurred:)

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1 BY MR. MILLER (Resuming):

2 Q Are you aware of, in addition to visiting the
3 Soviet Embassy during the periods we've discussed, that Mr.
4 Oswald also visited the Cuban Embassy?

5 A I do recollect that.

6 Q Okay. Do you recall whether any photographs
7 were taken, or to your knowledge then or subsequently, of his
8 entry or exit from there?

9 A I don't believe so. I don't recall ever hav-
10 ing seen any.

11 Q All right. Any other --

12 (Whereupon, Mr. Miller conferred with Mr.
13 Webberman out of the hearing of others and off the record,
14 after which the following occurred:)

15 (Whereupon, remarks were made among those
16 present off the record, after which the following occurred:)

17 BY MR. MILLER (Resuming):

18 Q Mr. Oswald, sorry, was interviewed by the, in
19 the Soviet Union by a Priscilla Johnson, who purported to be
20 a reporter. Do you know whether or not she had any connectio
21 with the Central Intelligence Agency?

22 A I'm not aware of any connection that she had.

23 Q Have you heard the name?

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1 A Well, I've heard the name because it's kicked
2 around so much since.

3 Q All right.

4 A I believe she's even written a book, hasn't
5 she, within recent times?

6 Q I believe so, yeah.

7 A Yeah.

8 (Whereupon, Mr. Weberman conferred with Mr.
9 Miller out of the hearing of others and off the record, af-
10 ter which the following occurred:)

11 BY MR. MILLER (Resuming):

12 Q You are aware of various allegations made by
13 Mr. Garrison of New Orleans regarding the C.I.A.

14 A Mr. who?

15 Q Garrison, the former Prosecutor from the, he
16 wrote a book, the title of which was *Wall of Stone*, I believe.

17 A Well, I certainly remember James Garrison,
18 whatever his job was.

19 Q Okay, and do you recall that a figure that
20 played in the events surrounding his allegations and so on
21 was named Clay Shaw?

22 A Yes, I recall that.

23 Q All right. Do you recall any support by the

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1 C.I.A. for him in any of his activities?

2 A Clay Shaw?

3 Q Yes, sir.

4 A The only recollection I have of Clay Shaw and
5 the Agency is that I believe that at one time as a business-
6 man he was one of the part-time contacts of the Domestic
7 Contact Division; the people that talk to businessmen, pro-
8 fessors and so forth and who traveled in and out of the coun-
9 try. I don't recall any other connection.

10 Q All right, and --

11 (Whereupon, Mr. Weberman conferred with Mr.
12 Miller out of the hearing of others and off the record,
13 after which the following occurred:)

14 MR. MILLER: All right, I have no further
15 questions.

16 (Whereupon, Mr. Weberman conferred with Mr.
17 Miller out of the hearing of others and off the record,
18 after which the following occurred:)

19 (Whereupon, Mr. Seibert conferred with the
20 Witness out of the hearing of others and off the record,
21 after which the following occurred:)

22 BY MR. MILLER (Resuming):

23 Q Okay, it was during the course of the pro-

1 Castro and anti-Castro running on that was going on, --

2 MR. WEBERMAN: It's 42, actually.

3 BY MR. MILLER (Resuming):

4 Q -- an organization, the name of which was the
5 International Anti-Communist Brigade, and the, another one
6 was the International Penetration Force. To your knowledge
7 did the Agency have any connection with either of these two
8 organizations, either through Mr. Hunt, through Mr. Oswald
9 or otherwise?

10 A I have no idea.

11 Q All right. What about either the Conservati
12 U.S.A., which is headquartered in Dallas?

13 A All right, never heard of the thing before.

14 MR. WEBERMAN: All right, try Number 47.

15 MR. MILLER: That's a good number. Didn't
16 have it.

17 BY MR. MILLER (Resuming):

18 Q Mr. Butler --

19 (Whereupon, Mr. Ziebell conferred with Mr.
20 Seibert out of the hearing of others and off the record, af
21 ter which the following occurred:)

22 BY MR. MILLER (Resuming):

23 Q -- was, Barker was involved in the Bay of

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1 Pigs.

2 A Who was?

3 Q Mr. Bernard Barker. His name came out during
4 certain of the Cuban activities.

5 A Barker?

6 Q And, do you recall it coming to light that Mr.
7 Barker was involved with Organized Crime and certain criminal
8 elements, that coming to your knowledge?

9 A Well, I'm mixed up about Bernard Barker and
10 his, all his antecedents. I don't recall him in connection
11 with Organized Crime, but I don't say that he wasn't involved,
12 either. I just don't remember, any more.

13 Q All right. Do you remember whether or not he
14 may have been working with Mr. Hunt or Mr. Sturgis?

15 A I haven't any doubt that he may have, but I
16 don't recall it specifically or in what connection.

17 Q Okay.

18 (Whereupon, Mr. Weberman conferred with Mr.
19 Miller out of the hearing of others and off the record, after
20 which the following occurred:)

21 BY MR. MILLER (Resuming):

22 Q Howard Hunt was involved in the Cuban Revolu-
23 tionary Council That was his --

1 MR. SEIBERT: Is that the question?

2 THE WITNESS: I don't know.

3 MR. SEIBERT: Oh, okay.

4 BY MR. MILLER (Resuming):

5 Q Did you have any specific role within the Bay
6 of Pigs activity which would have put you in contact with
7 Mr. Hunt or the section with which he was working on a work
8 basis, whatever that might have been?

9 A I didn't have much to do with Bay of Pigs.
10 That was being handled by others and I wasn't, didn't have
11 anything to do with assignments or who was doing what or any
12 thing else in connection with it.

13 Q Okay.

14 A Best I can recall, I wouldn't have been sur-
15 prised if I weren't asked to find some officers to see to
16 it, but I didn't have anything to do with the internal work-
17 ings of it.

18 Q Okay, and you weren't aware of Mr. Hunt's ac-
19 tivities with regard to that specific organization?

20 A No.

21 Q All right. Did there come a time, to your
22 knowledge, that Mr. Hunt left the Agency?

23 A I recall that he left, yes.

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1 Q Do you recall what year that was?

2 A But, it's in the record because this ground
3 has been well traveled.

4 Q All right. Okay. You don't recall?

5 A I don't recall any more, but I know I've tes-
6 tified about it, --

7 Q All right.

8 A -- under oath.

9 Q All right.

10 A If you get the record of the Senate Foreign
11 Relations Committee, you'll find it in there.

12 Q All right.

13 (Whereupon, Mr. Weberman conferred with Mr.
14 Miller out of the hearing of others and off the record, after
15 which the following occurred:)

16 BY MR. MILLER (Resuming):

17 Q I asked you earlier about a Mr. Carswell, who
18 you did not recall. I'm going to show you a photograph.
19 You've seen this before. He's in this, the gentleman in the
20 sunglasses, I guess what you call a flat-top haircut and what
21 appears to be a cigarette in his mouth. Does that individual
22 either under the name of Mr. Carswell or under any other name
23 do you recognize that individual in that photograph at all?

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1 A I don't know anything about this man.

2 (Whereupon, Mr. Weberman conferred with Mr.
3 Miller out of the hearing of others and off the record, af-
4 ter which the following occurred:)

5 THE WITNESS: He doesn't, he doesn't send any
6 thing to, any message to me.

7 (Whereupon, Mr. Miller conferred with Mr.
8 Weberman out of the hearing of others and off the record,
9 after which the following occurred:)

10 MR. MILLER: Okay, I have no further question

11 MR. RUBIN: May I ask where that photograph
12 comes from, where -- what is that piece of paper?

13 MR. WEBERMAN: It's from a newspaper, under-
14 ground newspaper.

15 MR. RUBIN: Named what?

16 MR. WEBERMAN: Named *Overthrow*.

17 MR. RUBIN: Yeah?

18 THE WITNESS: An underground newspaper? I
19 didn't know we had any underground newspapers. Do we have
20 underground newspapers in this country?

21 MR. WEBERMAN: Fortunately, yes, we do.

22 THE WITNESS: But, they're underground from
23 what or from whom? This is for my edification.

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1 MR. WEBERMAN: They're underground from
2 people that want to suppress the truth about American history
3 okay?

4 MR. MILLER: The term is not underground in
5 the sense of a, in the sense of a covert operation, but it's
6 underground in the sense that it's not mainstream media that
7 attracts advertizers that pay big fees.

8 THE WITNESS: Oh, I see. It's a shoestring
9 operation, which may be a way of putting it.

10 MR. MILLER: In a sense that's part of it.

11 MR. WEBERMAN: I'll give you, I'll give you
12 copies on that.

13 MR. MILLER: Do you want the regular photo-
14 graphs or this?

15 MR. RUBIN: No, I want this piece of paper
16 because A. J. Webberman's name is on it.

17 Would you mark it, please, and he's written
18 some things about E. Howard Hunt that I'd like to have this
19 marked. Can I have this marked?

20 MR. WEBERMAN: I'll give you the whole, I'll
21 give you the entire paper.

22 MR. RUBIN: May I have it, please?

23 MR. WEBERMAN: Sure.

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1 MR. MILLER: This will be Defendants', this
2 will be Plaintiff's 1. Let's get that marked before we go
3 on.

4 MR. RUBIN: Okay, go ahead.

5 (Whereupon, Plaintiff's Exhibit Number 1 was
6 marked.)

7 (Whereupon, remarks were made among those
8 present off the record, after which the following occurred:)

9 MR. RUBIN: Okay, let's, let's, let's put it
10 with the other.

11 CROSS EXAMINATION

12 BY MR. RUBIN

13 Q Mr. Helms, --

14 (Whereupon, Mr. Miller conferred with Mr.
15 Webberman out of the hearing of others and off the record,
16 after which the following occurred:)

17 BY MR. RUBIN (Resuming):

18 Q Okay, Mr. Helms, on Page 39 of this book that
19 is the subject of the lawsuit, *Coup d'Etat In America*, mention
20 is made of you and Clay Shaw and I would like to read you the
21 little excerpt and ask you a question about it. "Jim Garri-
22 son, the former District Attorney of New Orleans, contends
23 that Clay Bertrand was really Clay Shaw, alleged C.I.A. agent

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1 Was Mr. Shaw a C.I.A. agent, to your knowledge?

2 A No, the connection, if I'm correct in my re-
3 collection, which he had with the Agency was as I described
4 a few moments ago.

5 Q All right. Right, and this is different than
6 being an agent; is that correct?

7 A Yes, in our terminology or the Agency termi-
8 nology it is different.

9 Q All right. "Although Garrison couldn't prove
10 his charge in a court of law, recent revelations by ex-
11 C.I.A. agent Victor Marchetti seem to substantiate Garrison's
12 charges." Are you familiar with the name Victor Marchetti?

13 A Yes, I am.

14 Q Was he or is he an ex-C.I.A. agent?

15 A I don't know whether he was a C.I.A. agent,
16 but he worked for the C.I.A.

17 Q All right. "Marchetti stated that during the
18 time of the Garrison investigation he attended morning brief-
19 ing sessions with high officials of the Agency who often
20 voiced serious concern that Shaw's C.I.A. contacts might be
21 uncovered by the maverick D.A. Marchetti and Richard Helms
22 decided that Shaw's ties to the Agency had to be kept secret
23 along with the fact that Shaw was connected with the Bay of

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1 Pigs," unquote. Did you and Mr. Marchetti decide that Clay
2 Shaw's ties to the Agency had to be kept secret?

3 A I have no recollection of any such decision.
4 In fact, I think that the way the thing is phrased is un-
5 likely. Mr. Marchetti, to the extent that, when I knew him
6 in the Agency, was working as an assistant to the Deputy
7 Director for Central Intelligence and Mr. Marchetti and I
8 would hardly be making decisions together.

9 Q All right. Is it true, as alleged here, that
10 Shaw was connected with the Bay of Pigs? Do you have any
11 knowledge of that?

12 A I have no recollection of ever having heard
13 that before.

14 Q All right. Now, turning to Page 50 of the
15 questioned manuscript, we find this, quote: "The man in
16 charge of conducting the investigation of Oswald's activi-
17 ties abroad was Richard Helms." Is that statement true?

18 A I beg your pardon? Read it again.

19 Q "The man in charge of conducting the investi-
20 gation of Oswald's activities abroad was Richard Helms." Is
21 that statement true or false?

22 A Well, I'm not sure what it means.

23 Q Let me read a, a sentence that follows it.

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1 Maybe this will help clarify it. "This seems odd, since
2 rather than being in charge of gathering intelligence, Helms
3 was Deputy Director of Plans, a move a minute for head of the
4 Dirty Tricks Division at the time." Is that statement true
5 or false?

6 A Now, this is what year we're talking about?

7 MR. WEBERMAN: Sixty-four.

8 BY MR. RUBIN (Resuming):

9 Q I suppose that they're talking about, about
10 the time that Oswald was abroad in the Soviet Union and
11 Mexico and attempting to go to Cuba and --

12 A What, what years were those?

13 Q In the '60-, in the early '60s.

14 A Yes, but there, there's a question of what
15 my position was.

16 MR. MILLER: It would be '63.

17 MR. WEBERMAN: It would be '63-'64.

18 MR. RUBIN: Well, maybe Mr. Weberman, who
19 wrote this, can tell us.

20 MR. WEBERMAN: Well, when I went through the
21 documents --

22 MR. MILLER: Just give the dates.

23 MR. WEBERMAN: -- on the Kennedy assassination

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1 in the National Archives, I found that the documents con-
2 tained three signatures: Mr. Rockham* Mr. Karamessines and
3 Mr. Helms, and so these documents dealt with Oswald's trips
4 abroad, et cetera, in retrospect of 1964, so that would be
5 the date; actually, '64, January, '64, to December, '64, dur-
6 ing the period the Warren Commission conducted their investi-
7 gation of the Kennedy assassination.

8 THE WITNESS: Well, I would not have obviously
9 traced it that way. I was the responsible official in the
10 Plans Directorate and I, therefore, would have signed off
11 on certain kinds of documents, whether I had anything to do
12 with the investigation or not, personally.

13 (Whereupon, Mr. Weberman conferred with Mr.
14 Miller out of the hearing of others and off the record, after
15 which the following occurred:)

16 THE WITNESS: And, at the very best, if not
17 inaccurate that statement is misleading.

18 BY MR. RUBIN (Resuming):

19 Q All right, Mr. Helms. Have you ever met A.
20 J. Weberman before today?

21 A No, I have not.

22 Q Have you ever been questioned by anybody re-
23 presenting themselves as an agent of Mr. Weberman to verify,

*Phonetic

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1 corroborate or deny any of the statements that I have read
2 you today?

3 A No, I have not. When I got the subpoena to
4 appear here today I was not aware of who Mr. Weberman was.

5 Q All right. Another statement in this book on
6 Page 50 concerning yourself is: "Helms was promoted to
7 Director of the C.I.A. by President Johnson and was serving
8 in that capacity when Hunt obtained assistance from the
9 Agency in conducting domestic operations including Water-
10 gate. Helms was eventually kicked upstairs by Nixon and is
11 now the Ambassador to Iran. Before he left the Agency, he
12 ordered the destruction of all of the tapes of his phone con-
13 versations dating back several years, including those with
14 Nixon." Is that statement true or false?

15 A Well, that's true. It's been exhaustively
16 gone into by Senator Baker, among others, --

17 Q All right.

18 A -- who spent hours on this subject.

19 Q Now, I would like to get to the subject of
20 Mr. Joe Trento and the *Sunday News Journal* article published
21 on August 20, 1978. You've mentioned that in your Direct
22 testimony today. I hand you Deposition Exhibit D-2 in the
23 Angleton deposition, which was earlier today, and I ask you:

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1 Is this the article that you saw that you were referring
2 to?

3 A Without reading every word of it, I think
4 it is.

5 Q All right.

6 A Is this the, the article that rather sweetly
7 and gently suggests that either Angleton or I may have been
8 a mole in the Agency?

9 Q Yes, yeah, you're looking at the page now
10 that has that.

11 A I suppose that's the honest history from which
12 we might ought to be protected.

13 (Whereupon, Mr. Weberman conferred with Mr.
14 Miller out of the hearing of others and off the record, after
15 which the following occurred:)

16 THE WITNESS: Yes, this is the article.

17 BY MR. RUBIN (Resuming):

18 Q I can't say that that's an underground news-
19 paper, but I hope to bury it soon. May I ask you some ques-
20 tions from that?

21 A Certainly.

22 Q The article refers to a secret C.I.A. memoran-
23 dum that, saying that E. Howard Hunt was in Dallas the day

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1 President John F. Kennedy was murdered and that top Agency
2 officials, meaning you and Mr. Angleton, plotted to cover up
3 Hunt's presence there. Does that statement have any truth
4 or validity to it as far as you know from --

5 A Not to the best of my knowledge it has none.

6 Q All right. Mr. Angleton referred to this as
7 a fabrication. Would you categorize it?

8 A That's as good a word as any.

9 Q All right. The article says, "Some C.I.A.
10 sources suspect that Hunt thought he was assigned by higher-
11 ups to arrange the murder of Lee Harvey Oswald." Do you have
12 any knowledge or have you ever heard, either officially or
13 unofficially, from any source, that Hunt was assigned or
14 thought he was assigned to kill anybody --

15 A No.

16 Q -- when he was with the C.I.A.?

17 A No.

18 Q Was there a so-called "hit squad" in the C.I.A.
19 that was assigned to assassinate the President of the United
20 States so far as you know from your connection with the C.I.
21 A.?

22 A Certainly not.

23 Q That would also apply to a so-called "hit

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1 squad" of the C.I.A. that was allegedly assigned to kill
2 Martin Luther King? Would your answer be the same?

3 A No, there was no "hit squad" assigned to
4 assassinate Martin Luther King.

5 Q Well, those are allegations in this book.
6 "Sources," again according to the article," say Hunt, convicted
7 in the Watergate conspiracy in 1974, was Acting Chief of the
8 C.I.A. station in Mexico City in the weeks prior to the Ken-
9 nedy Assassination." Do you have any knowledge as to who
10 actually was Acting Chief of the C.I.A. station in Mexico
11 City in the weeks just before the Kennedy assassination?

12 A Well, in the first place I don't know whether
13 it was an Acting Chief. I don't recall who was the Chief or
14 the Acting Chief. The only thing I'm relatively certain of
15 was that Hunt was never either of those things in Mexico
16 City, ever.

17 Q Right. All right. Thank you. The article
18 goes on that, "Richard M. Helms, former C.I.A. Director, and
19 James J. Angleton, former Counterintelligence Chief, initialed
20 the memo, according to investigators who made the information
21 available to the *New York Times*." Do you know what memo
22 you initialed or what this writer, Joe Trento and Jacquie
23 Powers, are talking about?

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1 A I do not, and, you know, to just add one sen-
2 tence, if I may, I don't understand why, if the memo exists
3 with the House investigators, it can't be shown to anybody.

4 Q When you read this article, --

5 MR. WEBERMAN: That's what I think.

6 THE WITNESS: I beg your pardon?

7 MR. WEBERMAN: It might be classified.

8 BY MR. RUBIN (Resuming):

9 Q All right. When you read this article and
10 you had the reaction that you obviously just expressed, did
11 you contact anybody at the House Select Committee on Assas-
12 sinations and say, "What's going on here? What is this ar-
13 ticle all about?"

14 A No, I did not.

15 Q All right. Did you have anybody do so?

16 A No, I did something else.

17 Q Tell me what.

18 A I objected to the Gannett newspaper organiza-
19 tion.

20 Q And, where was he located, what's his name,
21 if you recall, and what --

22 A His name is Paul Miller and he's located, I
23 think, in Rochester, New York.

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1 Q All right.

2 A And, he sent somebody from the Gannett or-
3 ganization to talk to me as to what my objections were and
4 I told the gentleman who came to see me what my objections
5 were.

6 Q You told him that this entire article was
7 false?

8 A I went over it almost point by point.

9 Q All right, and what did the gentleman say?

10 A He thanked me and left my office.

11 Q Did you request or demand that there be some
12 correction made in the Gannett newspapers?

13 A No, I've learned not to do that. It gets
14 worse.

15 Q That's beautiful. Did you ever hear from
16 the Gannett newspapers again as to whether the article was
17 corroborated or investigated or such?

18 A No, Mr. Trento left word in my office did I
19 want to give him an interview.

20 Q When was that, before the article was published?

21 A After the article.

22 Q After the article. Did you hear from Mr.
23 Trento before the article was published?

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1 A I don't recall.

2 Q All right.

3 A And, the reason I don't recall is that at var
4 ious times he has left messages in my office that he called,
5 and I can't remember when these various occasions are and in
6 what order.

7 Q All right. Is it not true that Mr. Trento
8 has authored several articles about the C.I.A.?

9 A Yes.

10 Q Both before this one, D-2, and after?

11 A Yes.

12 Q All right. He, does it appear to you that he
13 has some kind of a source, whether valid or invalid, within
14 the C.I.A. that is feeding him information?

15 A I have no idea. I would, I would not like
16 to think that in the C.I.A. there was someone who'd slipped
17 his cord so badly that he'd be giving out this kind of in-
18 formation.

19 Q Well, in this article --

20 (Whereupon, Mr. Weberman conferred with Mr.
21 Miller out of the hearing of others and off the record, af-
22 ter which the following occurred:)

23 BY MR. RUBIN (Resuming):

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1 Q -- he says, "C.I.A. sources who have provided
2 the Assassination Committee with material pertaining to
3 Hunt's alleged presence in Dallas say that Hunt's story
4 about shopping in downtown Washington was a cover story con-
5 cocted as a result of the memo." Do you know what sources
6 in the C.I.A. Mr. Trento might be talking about?

7 A I have no idea.

8 Q All right. Instead of going through each
9 and every allegation in the article, is it your sworn state-
10 ment that you know nothing about the existence of such a
11 memo; you certainly don't recall or know about initialling
12 such a memo; and that this appears to be without basis in
13 fact?

14 A That is a correct statement.

15 Q When you read this article and you called the
16 Gannett newspaper publisher or --

17 A I didn't call him. I wrote him a letter and
18 said I would like to talk to somebody from the organization;
19 that I thought that Mr. Trento's writings and nonsense had
20 gone on long enough. That was the burden of my plaint.

21 Q All right.

22 A And, they sent somebody to see me and I told
23 him why I thought these, this had gone a bit far. For

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1 example, you'll find, I think, if this is the article that
2 I recall, that in the last paragraph -- may I see it again?

3 Q Yes.

4 A In the last paragraph it says, "Rocca, now
5 retired, was unavailable for comment. His former wife, who
6 also worked for Angleton, is now working for Cleveland Cram
7 as part of the C.I.A. mole investigation team." Rocca's
8 wife does not, never did work for Angleton. He was, not,
9 she's got the wrong individual, the wrong woman working on
10 the mole investigation. The woman he's obviously referring
11 to is Cordelia Hood, not Rocca's wife. I mean, the, and
12 that's the kind of a, a, an assertion that a little care
13 would have corrected, but let's not waste any more time on
14 it.

15 Q All right. I started to say that when you
16 read this and after you complained to the Gannett newspaper
17 chain, did you also make inquiry or have any correspondence
18 with the House Select Committee on Activity, because they
19 are mentioned in the article as releasing this information
20 to Mr. Trento.

21 A No, I didn't, and if you are curious as to
22 why, I find these inquiries of this kind just time-consuming
23 and unrewarding --

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1 Q All right.

2 A -- because the House Committee will inevitably
3 if you have anything of interest that you're asking them,
4 tell you that the Committee rules do not permit them to di-
5 vulge that information, so you're constantly digging a dry
6 well and I didn't want to waste my time on it.

7 Q The, the article in question seems to recite
8 from your testimony before the House Select Committee on
9 Activity, both the informal conference with the investigator
10 and what you said before the Committee. Let's see if I can
11 find something here. "Committee sources told the *Sunday Wash.*
12 *Journal* that both Helms and Angleton had been questioned by
13 Committee investigators, but that the issue of the memo was
14 not raised with either witness. Sources say Helms told the
15 Committee he could not answer specific questions on the
16 C.I.A.'s involvement because of an inability to remember
17 dates," unquote. Do you remember telling that to the Com-
18 mittee investigators?

19 A Not on such a broad scale.

20 Q Thank you. All right, do you have any knowledge
21 official or unofficial, any information whatsoever that would
22 connect, even by innuendo, Howard Hunt with the assassination
23 of President Kennedy?

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1 A I do not.

2 MR. RUBIN: I have no further questions.

3 MR. MILLER: I have about three, please.

4 REDIRECT EXAMINATION

5 BY MR. MILLER:

6 Q Now, regarding the article which has just been
7 discussed, to your knowledge has anyone on your behalf or
8 on the Agency's behalf gone to the Committee and reviewed,
9 requested an opportunity to see that document?

10 A I haven't.

11 Q To, has anyone on your behalf, to your know-
12 ledge?

13 A Not that I know of.

14 Q All right. Has anyone?

15 A I haven't authorized anybody to do it.

16 Q Okay. To your knowledge has the Agency made
17 any such request?

18 A I have no idea.

19 Q All right. To your knowledge has the Agency
20 made any kind of search for the duplicate of such a docu-
21 ment to determine its existence or non-existence?

22 A I have no idea.

23 Q Uh-huh. Has that been suggested to you, by

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1 you to anyone?

2 A No, I would like to think I've got more
3 sense.

4 Q I don't understand, exactly follow that.

5 A Scrub it.

6 Q All right.

7 MR. RUBIN: I think what he's saying is that
8 if the event never occurred, how could there be a memo and
9 why should he give any truth to the assertion of such a
10 ridiculous fact?

11 BY MR. MILLER (Resuming):

12 Q Would it be, to believe --

13 I don't think he's saying that.

14 MR. RUBIN: I'm saying that.

15 MR. MILLER: If you want to testify we would
16 be delighted to swear you in.

17 MR. RUBIN: May I? I would love to go under
18 oath.

19 MR. WEBERMAN: You'll get an opportunity.

20 MR. RUBIN: Okay.

21 BY MR. MILLER (Resuming):

22 Q Why would the Warren Commission, in their
23 investigation, go to Plans as opposed to Internal Security

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1 or Counterintelligence and the like? Do you have any in-
2 terest as to why they came to you as opposed to --

3 A Who's this?

4 Q The Warren Commission.

5 A Oh.

6 Q They came to Plans as opposed to any other
7 particular section. Do you --

8 A Oh. Well, my recollection of that is that
9 when the Warren Commission started its proceedings it became
10 clear to Mr. McKohn*, who was the Director at the time, that
11 there would be a lot of leads that they would want followed
12 up overseas and we were the ones that controlled the entities
13 overseas and, therefore, we were the logical place to make
14 the requests and then if there were others that went to the
15 Office of Security or something of that kind, they could
16 be parcelled out from this central point.

17 Q All right. Now, would it have been possible
18 within the Agency for elements of the Agency to have conduc-
19 ted --

20 (Whereupon, Mr. Seibert conferred with Mr.
21 Mayerfeld out of the hearing of others and off the record,
22 after which the following occurred:)

23 BY MR. MILLER (Resuming):

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1 Q -- a criminal inventory without necessarily
2 approval from the upper levels or supervisors, superior level
3 within the Agency and unknown to the Agency; that is, indivi-
4 duals operating in the Clandestine --

5 A Anything is possible in life, but it's unlik
6 ly in this instance.

7 Q All right. It was unlikely?

8 A It was, well, it was a well-disciplined or-
9 ganization.

10 Q All right, but it is within the realm of
11 possibility considering the, the operations of that aspect
12 of the Agency's function?

13 A Well, you're in effect saying that levitatio
14 is also possible; that you may suddenly rise from that seat an
15 ascend to Heaven. I don't say that it's impossible, but it's
16 in that category, if I may put it that way.

17 Q In other words, you're basing that in your
18 trust on the man in the organization.

19 A Yeah, particularly in the situation which
20 involved the assassination of the President of the United
21 States.

22 Q All right, and on any of the questions today
23 do you feel that your oath of, which was required as part of

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1 your employment with the Agency would have interfered with
2 your giving an accurate and full, fair answer to any ques-
3 tions?

4 A No.

5 MR. MILLER: All right, I have no further
6 questions.

7 (Whereupon, Mr. Mayerfeld conferred with Mr.
8 Seibert out of the hearing of the others and off the record,
9 after which the following occurred:)

10 MR. RUBIN: Nothing.

11 (Whereupon, at 4:41 p.m. the above deposition
12 was concluded.)

13 CERTIFICATION

14 I, Dorothy I. Ahearn, Registered Professional
15 Certified Shorthand Reporter and Notary Public for the State
16 of Virginia at Large, hereby certify that the foregoing depo-
17 sition of RICHARD McGARRAH HELMS was taken by the Defendants
18 before me at the offices of Marvin D. Miller, Esquire, 117
19 North Fairfax Street, Alexandria, Virginia, 22314, in the
20 pursuance of Notice, on the 17th day of May, 1979; that said
21 witness was by me duly sworn before the commencement of his
22 testimony; that the testimony of said witness was written
23 out by myself; that the opposing party, Hunt, Jr., was

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1 represented by counsel during the taking of said testimony;
2 that said testimony was taken at the aforementioned place
3 and was commenced at 3:03 p.m. on the 17th day of May, 1979,
4 and was concluded at 4:41 p.m. on the 17th day of May, 1979;
5 that the foregoing deposition will be signed before me; that
6 I am not related to or employed by either of the parties, or
7 their attorneys or agents, or interested directly or indi-
8 rectly in the matter in controversy, either as counsel, at-
9 torney, agent or otherwise.

10 In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my
11 hand and affixed my official seal at Alexandria, Virginia,
12 this 3rd. day of June, 1979.

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15 Notary Public

16 My Commission expires September 8, 1980.

17 CERTIFICATION OF WITNESS

18 I, RICHARD McGARRAH HELMS, do hereby certify
19 that I have read the original of the transcript of the depo-
20 sition attached hereto and this deposition is, to the best
21 of my knowledge and recollection, a true copy of my testimony
22 and any corrections/changes made herein have been made by my
23 hand or under my supervision by interlineations.

Date

RICHARD McGARRAH HELMS

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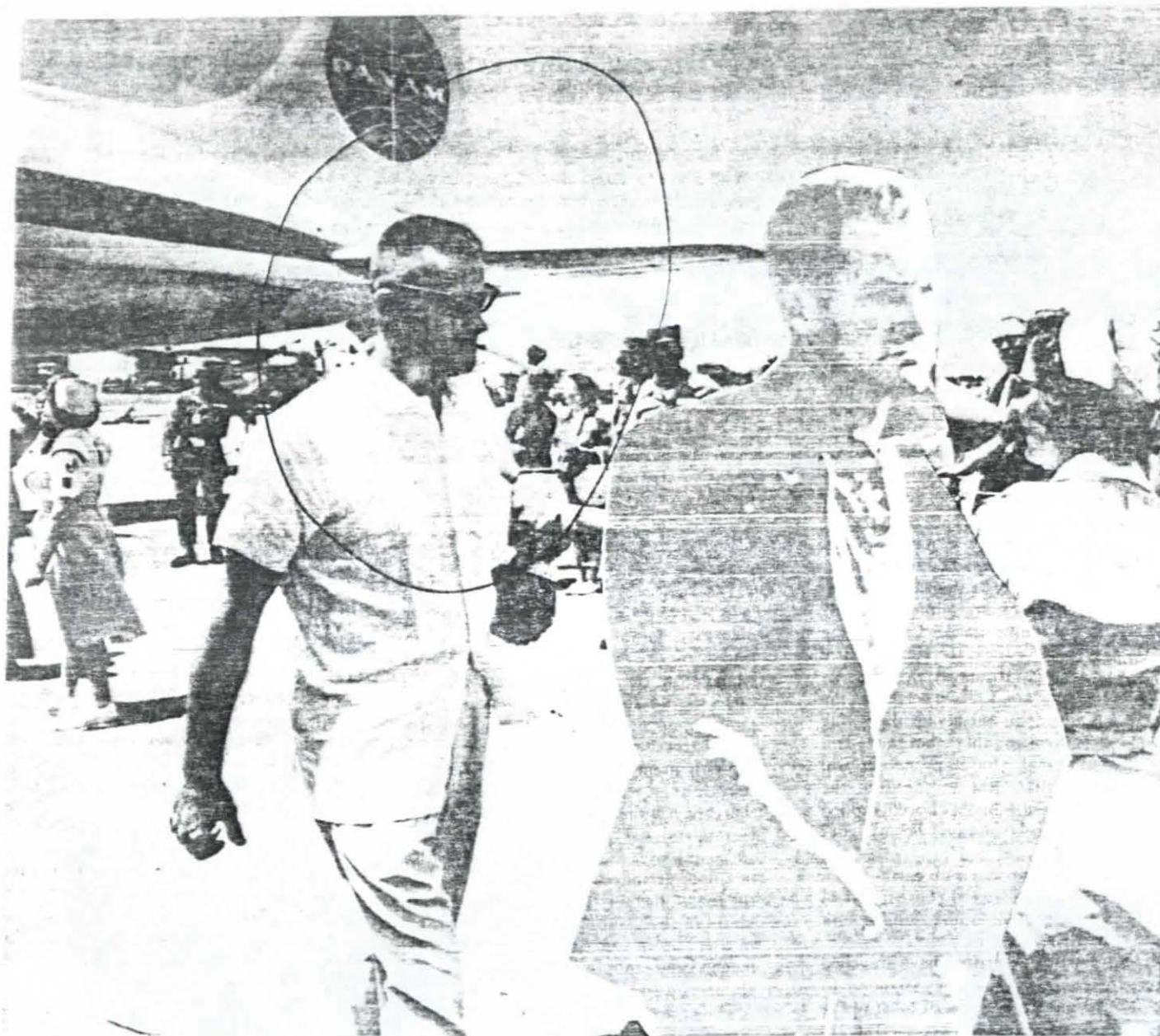
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County of/City of Alexandria, to wit:

I, Dorothy I. Ahearn, a Notary Public in and for the State of Virginia at Large, do hereby certify that RICHARD McGARRAH HELMS, whose name is signed to this deposition above, has on this ____ day of _____, 1979 acknowledged the same before me in the State and City aforesaid.

Given under my hand and seal this ____ day of _____, 1979. My Commission expires September 8, 1979.

Dorothy I. Ahearn
Notary Public



Daniel Carswell, deplaning at Homestead Air Force Base, Homestead, Florida—April 23, 1963—7 months before he fired at John F. Kennedy. Inset: The third tramp arrested Dealy Plaza minutes after the assassination—November 22, 1963—note similarities in nose, ear, hairline, eyes, chin and gait.

by A. J. Webberman

In the first major break in the JFK assassination case since the 1973 identification of two of the gunmen as Waterbuggers Frank Sturgis and E. Howard Hunt, investigators now feel certain that they have identified the third gunman. The three "mystery tramps" have baffled government investigators for almost 16 years ever since they were arrested near the grassy knoll only minutes after the shooting of President Kennedy in 1963.

The third tramp uses the pseudonym "Daniel L. Carswell". As of this time his real name remains unknown. He was allegedly familiar with "bugging operations" against the Communists in Eastern Europe and showed up in Havana in September 1960.

Carswell was in Cuba to run an operation against the Chinese Communists (Chicom) who were highly influential there around this time. According to Gerry Patrick Hemming, who revealed Carswell was the "Oswald-like" tramp, the purpose of the mission was to steal the Chicom codebook from their "press service" - Hsinhua - the New China News Agency. Carswell and his crew were going to drill a hole through the ceiling of the "news agency" then pump cooking gas in, which would later be ignited. After the explosion Carswell would rush downstairs, steal the codebook and hope the Chicom thought it was destroyed in the explosion and subsequent fire. At least one or two Hsinhua "correspondents" were to be killed in the explosion. Carswell, allegedly an "electronics specialist" for the Technical-Service Division of the CIA was in reality their most accomplished professional assassin. If the conspirators were ap-

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Brief history of /
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c. Richard E. Snyder (DPOB: 10 December 1919, Passaic, N. J.) applied for employment with CIA in June 1949 and submitted a complete PHS form at that time. He entered on duty with CIA on 8 November 1949 as a GS-9 (\$4600.00 per annum). According to his Personnel file (see tab c) he was assigned to OPC and was slated to serve in Tokyo (the file contains no entry showing that he actually served in Tokyo). He did, however, serve in Heidelberg, beginning in March 1950. While in Germany he apparently resigned effective 26 September 1950 in order to assume a position with HICOG. There are no further entries in his Personnel file.

In March 1959 (probably just before SNYDER's departure for Moscow), State requested that he be given two weeks of the OBS Course (probably ORR's training in Soviet Order of Battle).

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d. Edward L. Freers was never an employee of CIA. He has been an employee of the Department of State since 1941 and has served in various countries. In 1952, while a "Peripheral Officer" with the State Department in Rome, requested "liaison clearance" on him; the clearance was granted in April 1952. The interest was dropped in 1955 and the clearance was cancelled. From September to November 1956, officials were in official contact with him because of his position at the Department of State. For that purpose requested and received liaison clearance from the Office of Security. In addition, the Office of Security file contains the following record of interest and clearance action concerning FREERS:

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April 1958	-
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August 1959	-
January 1962	-

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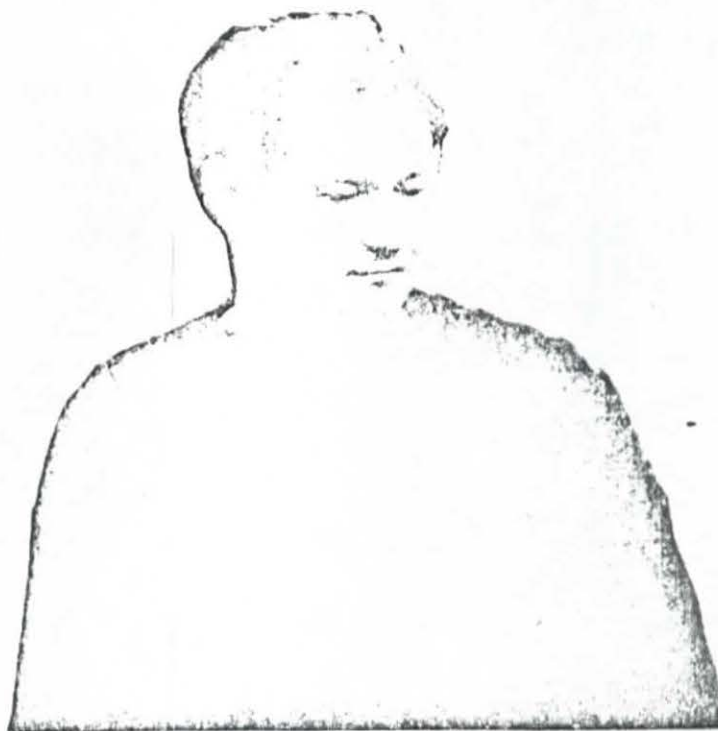


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20 February 1964

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief,

SUBJECT: Documents Available in OSWALD's 201 File

1. A machine listing of documents officially recorded as being in OSWALD's 201 file was requested and is attached. The actual machine work of this type was begun in 1963, but a few items of previous dates were also recorded.

2. A comparison of the documents physically available in the 201 file and those recorded as being in the 201 file has shown that 37 documents which should be in the 201 file are not available in it. This total is made up of:

- 2 dispatches
- 7 memoranda from the FBI
- 1 CSCI
- 2 State Department documents
- 25 cables.

3. Machine inquiries for the location of these documents have not been made.

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